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SUBJ:JEROME ELECTED SPEAKER OF COMMONS

1. JAMES JEROME, LIBERAL MP FROM SUDBURY, ONTARIO, WAS ELECTED SPEAKER SEPTEMBER 30 WITHOUT OPPOSITION. NOMINATION MADE BY PRIMIN TRUDEAU AND SECONDED BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER SHARP. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD TOLD HOUSE HE HAD REFUSED INVITATION TO SECOND NOMINATION DUE LACK OF ADVANCE CONSULTATION, URGED MEASURES TOWARDS A PERMANENT SPEAKER, DEVOID OF POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP. NDP'S BROADBENT AND SOCRED'S CAOUPETTE PRAISED JEROME'S ABILITIES BUT ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF CONSULTATION.

2. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH OPPOSITION WAS DELIBERATE, INADVERTENT, OR SIMPLY BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION AS PRIMIN'S OFFICE HAS SUGGESTED. STANFIELD'S PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT SPEAKER IS NOT WIDELY SUPPORTED, AND JEROME IS PLEASANT, UNASSUMING PERSONALITY NOT LIKELY USE SPEAKER'S CHAIR FOR PARTISAN POLITICS. COMMONS SPEAKERS HAVE GOOD RECORD FOR IMPARTIALITY, AND FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL MICHENER, A CONSERVATIVE ELECTED SPEAKER DURING DIEFENBAKER ADMINISTRATION,

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WAS CRITICIZED BY DIEFENBAKER FOR UNDUE INDULGENCE

TO OPPOSITION. STANFIELD'S POSITION, HOWEVER,
SUGGESTS TORIES WILL CONSIDER JEROME FAIR GAME FOR
POLITICAL ATTACK IF HE LEAVES HIMSELF OPEN TO CHARGES
OF PARTISANSHIP.
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